Problems of CGHS Entitled MPs Families

3479. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to solve the problems of CGHS entitled families of MPs staying in muffasil areas and facing difficulties in getting medicines and getting them prescribed and signed by Government doctors, and filing up of applications;

(b) whether there is any proposal to simplify the procedure, at least in cases where patients are required to undergo surgery in private nursing homes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A]: (a) to (c) The families of MPs residing in non-CGHS areas are covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944. They can obtain medical facilities through the A.M.A. appointed in their area by their Department and get reimbursement of medical expenditure from their Department (ii) In case of emergency, the treatment can be taken in any private hospital/nursing home/clinic and *ex-post-facto* approval can be granted by the head of the Department in such type of cases (iii) In normal circumstances, the treatment can be taken through the A.M.A. in any Govt./ Govt, recognised/ State Govt./Public Sector/Municipal Corporation hospital.

Upgrading Rural Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

3480. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance has been availed by Government for upgrading some rural hospitals in Andhra Pradesh to improve health services in rural areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures are being taken by Government for delivery of health services to the poor and disadvantaged in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A